(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The following power projects of Himachal Pradesh are included in the Tenth Five Year Plan :

SI. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
STATE SECTOR		
1.	Larji Hydro Electric Project (HEP)	126
2.	Kashang-I	66
PRIVATE SECTOR		
1.	Dhamvari Sunda	70
2.	Baspa HEP	300

In addition Chamera-II HEP (300 MW) and Nathpa Jhakri HEP (1500 MW) are under execution in the Central Sector, in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) In order to ensure that the targeted capacity during the Tenth Plan is achieved, the monitoring mechanism has been strengthened. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution. In addition, regular review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power. The Ministry is also facilitating States in obtaining earlier clearances, resolving major bottlenecks and providing financial assistance through Power Finance Corporation (PFC)/Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

Assistance to States in the Field of Power

†173. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the States which are facing difficulties in power distribution;

(b) whether Government have made any scheme for promoting and providing assistance to the States in the field of power;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial assistance/grants Government have decided to provide to each of the State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) All state utilities are facing difficulties in power distributioq.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening Sub-Transmission and Distribution and improve financial viability of the States APDRP has the following two components:

(i) **Investment** component-Government of India provides financial assistance to the States as additional Central Assistance over the above the normal Central Plan allocation, for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network. APDRP finances 50% of the project cost in the form of 50% grant and 50% loan to SEBs in the case of Non Special Category States. SEBs/Utilities have to arrange remaining 50% of the fund from Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) or other financial institutions as counter-part fund. For Special Category States, Government of India provides 100% of the project cost as financial assistance in the ratio of 90% grant and 10% loan. (States of north-eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Sikkim are covered under special category).

(ii) **Incentive component-**The State Governments are incentivised up to 50% of the actual cash loss reduction by SEBs/Utilities, as grant. The year 2000-01 is taken as the base year for the calculation of loss reduction. Under this components, funds would be provided by Government of India to State Governments is 100% grant. This component has been introduced to motivate the SEBs/utilities to reduce their financial losses. The cash losses are calculated net of subsidy and receivables.

(d) The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs.3500 crores under APDRP for 2003-04 which includes investment and incentive components. Release of funds under investment component depends on the utilization by the State Utilities. Release of fund under incentive component depends on the State Government making claims of cash loss reduction supported by Audit Report. The grant component to the State under investment and incentive component is determined as explained in (c) above.

Power Generating Units in Assam

174. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of power generating units in Assam at present;